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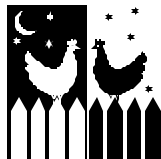
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to moderate, best for limited features. Food service covered the full range, best into fast food channels. Supplies were usually sufficient to closely cleared for smaller sizes. In the parts structure, wings were in the tightest position and received most interest. The remaining items were at least adequate with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cent to 66.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 60.50 cents last year on the 23rd of August, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM
LINE RUN TENDERS
BREASTS - B/S
BREASTS - WHOLE
THIGH MEAT - B/S
LEG QUARTERS
WINGS

212.50
163.50
80.00
95.50
35.00
101.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to moderate, best for light retail features and fast food. Supplies were balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, wings were in the tightest position and continued to show strength. Breast items and dark meat was sufficient to closely cleared and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Midweek trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to no better than moderate. Offerings of the 3 to 3.5 pound birds were at least adequate. The 2.5 pound birds were limited at times and the 4 pound sizes were in good balance. Movement into retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were generally sufficient. Wings were tight.

MIDWEST Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Additional offerings were in balance for the limited to fair trade interest. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Movement into food service was light to fairly good. Fast food promotions and features provided best interest. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with sizes desirable. In the parts complex, wings continue to be aggressively sought after, movement on leg quarters was moderate with all other items slow to clear. Supplies of breast items and leg quarters were available, wings barely adequate to tight. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and steady on the remainder of items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady with offerings adequate overall. Buying interest was moderate. Retail demand was moderate to good best where featured. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts with white meat items in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 08/18/01	2001	2000	
PREVIOUS YEAR			
EGGS SET	181,597	180,272	+01
CHICKS PLACED	144,963	142,154	+02

EGGS SET	202,593	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	162,455	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 182 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 2001. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2001. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through August 18, 2001 were 4.86 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

*FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 18, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 162 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 18, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.72 CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 21, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUGUST 22, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	786	146.00-215.00	147-155	157.60
TENDERLOINS	1,005	145.00-215.00	145-149	150.82
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	248	42.00-55.00	44-47	45.24
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	29.50-33.00	31-32	31.14
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,216	33.00-36.00	34-35	34.12
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	97.00-104.00	98-99	98.03
WINGS (CUT)	737	111.00-120.00	114-117	114.27
DRUMSTICKS	104	48.00-55.00	-	48.94
THIGHS	64	47.00-55.00	-	48.44
B/S THIGHS	55	92.00-98.00	-	94.18

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	921	146.00-215.00	147-155	161.34
TENDERLOINS	1,021	140.00-240.00	145	149.46
BREAST - LINE RUN	148	78.00-85.00	79-81	80.97
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	168	42.00-55.00	44-45	44.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,206	33.00-36.00	33-35	34.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	97.00-105.00	99-101	101.32
WINGS (CUT)	466	112.00-121.00	112-115	113.63
DRUMSTICKS	101	47.00-55.00	-	48.90
THIGHS	64	48.00-55.00	-	50.23
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.25 - 57.00	53.57	51.25 - 57.50	54.06	53.90

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were at least adequate and boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Leg quarters were clearing well. Wings ranged no more than adequate to tight. Retail and distributive movement was fair to fairly good, best where feature activity was a factor. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

AUGUST 21, 2001

AUGUST 22, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	158.75	712,750
TENDERLOINS	135	138.51	136,950
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.68	316,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.67	108,000
LEGS	42-43	46.55	260,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.28	782,522
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	46.86	173,190
THIGHS	37-38	45.75	137,930
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.21	95,130
WINGS (WHOLE)	91-92	100.40	422,265
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	92,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.68	125,335
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.91	158,950

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	155	162.40	503,160
TENDERLOINS	135	139.22	92,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	80.14	339,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	76.54	132,000
LEGS	42-43	47.04	234,840
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.62	527,709
DRUMSTICKS	40-41	47.53	152,350
THIGHS	37-38	44.82	149,330
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.26	79,300
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	102.80	404,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.93	99,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.68	120,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	54.86	156,600

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	
	08/22	08/21	08/20	08/17	08/2008/170	08/15	08/13	
ALA	4,007	4,055	4,023	4,267	5.05	4.82	4,082	5.00
ARK	5,221	5,351	5,134	4,982	4.89	4.66	5,162	4.81
DELMARVA	2,306	2,318	2,341	2,488	5.87	4.93	2,304	5.07
KY-LA-TN	2,021	1,936	1,975	2,167	4.50	4.31	1,973	4.37
MISS	2,893	2,868	2,808	2,957	4.99	4.91	2,733	5.06
NC	2,583	2,549	2,521	2,742	5.87	5.72	2,587	5.77
TEXAS	2,390	2,381	2,316	2,353	4.83	4.71	2,355	4.71
TOTAL	21,421	21,458	21,118	21,956	5.12	4.86	21,196	4.97
MON-WED	64,459	(A)					63,462	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Aug 01 and is estimated to be 32,048,000 up 0.76 percent from a week ago and up 1.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,807,000; last year 31,621,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	87-89
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	96-98
	DRY PACK	97-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING AUG 25-01

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/25/01 (1)	08/18/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,435 (2)	163,764
LT HENS	1,794	1,854
HVY HENS	1,426	1,478
CHECK TOTAL	166,655	167,096

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Aug-01 is 156.4 million head compared to 162.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.8 million head or 7.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 01-Sep-01 the estimated available is 154.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 20-Aug-01	194,858	59,401
AM 1-Aug-01	183,272	59,991
CHG	11,586	-590
PCT CHG	6	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	08/20/01	08/13/01	08/14/00	08/20/01	08/13/01	08/14/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	29,096	30,279	22,932	3,141	3,221	14,048
LOS ANGELES	3,661	3,639	215	1,913	1,877	4,625

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 20, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	52-56
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	56-65

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 08/21/01				FOR 08/21/01		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	.70	.57	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.50	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.00	5.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.60	.90	.71	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	2.75	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	6.25	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.70	1.45	1.03	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.53	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.65	1.65	1.38	DUCKS ea.	1.50	6.50	-
RABBITS lb.	.35	1.20	.84	RABBITS ea.	-	1.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.50	5.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	1.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.75	3.25	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	7.50	-
SILKIES ea.	1.00	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 116

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending August 17, 2001

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/	
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	50.80	129.50	79.69	19.92	19.92
High	60.77	139.46	89.65	24.90	24.90
Mostly	57.28	134.48	89.65	19.92	19.92

SAN JUAN

Low	58.28	129.50	79.69	24.90	12.45	49.81
High	60.77	136.97	84.67	34.87	14.94	49.81
Mostly	59.77	134.48	79.69	29.88	12.45	49.81

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	50.31	129.50	74.71	14.94	19.92	53.79
High	61.26	139.46	84.67	24.90	24.90	53.79
Mostly	57.28	129.50	79.69	19.92	19.92	53.79

BECERRA

Low	49.81	134.48	84.67	29.88	14.94	49.81
High	62.26	139.46	94.63	39.85	17.43	49.81
Mostly	62.26	136.97	89.65	34.87	17.43	49.81

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate at best with overall activity noted as typically lighter and about normal for mid-week. Offerings varied by both volume and size; however 3.0 pound and heavier sizes were generally noted as at least adequate and lighter weights in good balance to closely cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than truckload asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, wings again dominated buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED	
U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.09
NO. OF BOXES	13,362

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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